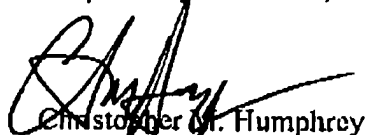


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**REMARKS**

This amendment corrects the unnecessary use of the plural referent "poly(alkylene glycols)" in Claims 1 and 16. Since this change merely corrects a minor typographical error, entry of the amendment is respectfully requested. If for any reason it is found that the present amendment should not be entered prior to issuance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at (919) 862-2213.

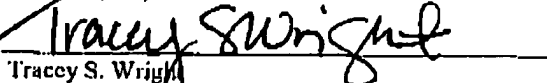
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